



NORTH SUBURBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

2003 HIGH SCHOOL FALL BASEBALL

The NSYBA, for the first time ever, is sponsoring a fall baseball season for high school players. This is a great time for high schoolers to play baseball, and the skills they hone now will be that much better developed when the 2004 spring season rolls around. Many high schoolers in the leagues served by the NSYBA don't have an opportunity to play fall ball, and we hope to provide a positive alternative to not playing.

Playing in NSYBA High School Fall Baseball will *not* affect eligibility to play IHSA-sanctioned baseball in high school next spring. We have bent over backwards to make sure we don't violate any IHSA rules. We will, however, be umpired by IHSA-patched umpires and play under IHSA rules but with a maximum-runs-per-inning rule to keep games from getting out of hand.

WHERE AND WHEN: To avoid conflicts with high school fall sports, all games are on Sundays at Evanston Township High School. The season runs from September 14 through November 2, a total of eight weeks. The first seven Sundays will be regular games. The last Sunday will feature a round-robin tournament of three-inning games for the NSYBA championship. If there are an odd number of teams in the high school fall baseball program, anticipate playing some double-headers.

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS: Any high school student who would be age- and class-eligible to play on a high school team in 2004. This includes players who were *not* rostered on a high school team in 2003. While incoming freshmen *are* eligible, we strongly encourage freshmen to play on an NSYBA Pony League team for Fall Ball. We anticipate that the level of play will be somewhere between the high school sophomore and varsity levels, which can be discouraging even for excellent Pony League players. The NSYBA also encourages players of other fall sports to check with their coach before registering for NSYBA High School Fall Baseball. The NSYBA has *no* academic eligibility requirement.

HOW TO REGISTER: Fill out a registration form (available from coaches or on the www.nsyba.org website) and mail it with your deposit of \$100.00 and proof of age (a photocopy of a report card is the easiest way to do this) to the address on the registration form by Wednesday, September 10, 2003. The total charge will vary from team to team, but please anticipate up to an additional \$70.00. IHSA regulations permit no more than four players from the same school on the same team, but please tell us your teammate / coach/ school preferences. We'll do our best to accommodate your requests.

IF YOUR LEAGUE OR ORGANIZATION WANTS TO FORM A TEAM: Please contact Tom Kendall. The NSYBA will assist you in every way possible.

Let's play high school fall baseball!

Joe Hasman
Commissioner, NSYBA